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SUBJECT: OPRED - COMMERCE REQUEST TO REPROGRAM CERTAIN
USTS OVERSEAS POSITIONS

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1. NEITHER CG TORONTO NOR I HAVE ANY OBJECTION
PROPOSED INCREASE OF USTS, TORONTO, FOREIGN NATIONAL
STAFF BY TWO POSITIONS. ADDED ADMINISTRATIVE
SUPPORT CAN BE ABSORBED WITHOUT INCREASE IN CG
STAFF.

2. I NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT LARGE PART AND PROBABLY
MAJORITY OF CANADIAN TOURISTS TO U.S. TRAVEL AS
INDIVIDUALS RATHER THAN IN TOUR GROUPS, MOST BY
AUTOMOBILE. AT JANUARY 15-16 COMMERCIAL OFFICERS'
CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA, ALL POSTS IN CANADA CITED
HEAVY WORKLOAD INVOLVED IN RESPONDING TO TOURISM
INQUIRIES FROM CANADIAN PUBLIC REGARDING DUTY-FREE
TOURIST ALLOWANCES, AVAILABILITY OF ACCOMMODATIONS
IN U.S., AVAILABILITY OF GASOLINE, ETC. THIS WORK-
LOAD WAS ESPECIALLY HEAVY AT HEIGHT OF GASOLINE
CRISIS WITH SOME POSTS REPORTING AS MANY AS 100
TELEPHONE CALLS PER DAY REPRESENTING 50 PERCENT OR MORE
OF ALL INCOMING CALLS, BUT WORKLOAD IS ONEROUS EVEN IN
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MORE NORMAL TIMES. AT PRESENT EMBASSY AND USIS ARE

RECEIVING ABOUT 50 TOURISM INQUIRIES PER DAY AND TORONTO AND MONTREAL APPROXIMATELY THE SAME. VANCOUVER IS RECEIVING ABOUT 30 PER DAY, PARTICULARLY ABOUT ACCOMMODATIONS IN SPOKANE AREA FOR EXPO '74 VISITORS. THIS WORKLOAD DIVERTS OUR LIMITED COMMERCIAL STAFF FROM OTHER EXPORT EXPANSION ACTIVITIES.

3. I HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO USTS DECISION TO FOCUS EFFORTS ON TRAVEL AGENTS AND TOUR OPERATORS BUT BELIEVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO VERY REAL PROBLEM IN CANADA OF SERVICING GENERAL TRAVELLING PUBLIC. I URGE THAT USTS, BIC, AND STATE GET TOGETHER TO CONSIDER WHAT PRACTICAL STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM AND HOW TO FACTOR TOURISM WORKLOAD INTO COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING FORMULATED.
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